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CONFERENCES ON STRIKE HELD

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Vice President J. L. McLean and Albert Wilcox composed the Inter-Island "conference committee," while the cause of the captains was looked after in this morning's negotiations by Captains Tullett, Piltz, Gregory and Naopala.

A cablegram has been received from President and General Manager J. A. Kennedy by the Inter-Island company, but it is said merely to convey information as to where he can be reached at any time by cable.

The developments of the past twenty-four hours have been thick and fast. As told in the Star-Bulletin yesterday afternoon, moves were being made that looked as if both sides might agree on a plan to arbitrate the differences. The Inter-Island Company favored arbitration openly, and in a letter last night to the captains and mates offered to submit the dispute to such a judgment.

In the meantime, the strikers had employed A. S. Humphreys as attorney, and the offer of the Inter-Island company was replied to in a stinging letter by Humphreys in which he rejected, on behalf of Honolulu Harbor No. 54, the idea of arbitration and declared that the captains and mates would stand pat.

Another development of last night was that new demands were submitted by the strikers to the company. Honolulu Harbor insists that the Inter-Island must pay an increase of 20 per cent. in wages to all masters and mates, and the company was given until noon today for a compliance.

All morning negotiations were on between the two parties to the dispute that has tied up the biggest transportation company in the Territory. U. S. District Attorney Breckons was seen this morning in conference with Inter-Island officials and later conferred, it is said, with Attorney Humphreys. It is stated that the district attorney has been retained as private counsel for the company.

The negotiations made progress enough so that shortly before 2 o'clock today there seemed to be a feeling that a settlement will shortly be effected.

The passenger department of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company announced to prospective travelers today that they could not set the time of departure of any steamer for Island ports until an early hour this afternoon.

In the meantime the coasters at the port are moored at the several wharves, with steam up, and are prepared to sail at an hour's notice. Many of the vessels are heavily loaded with cargo, including lumber, fertilizer and foodstuffs.

At the wharf offices are found little groups of pursuers and such officers of steamers as are not affected by the mandates of the strikers. The engineers, firemen and crews are held in reserve and all is made ready for an almost immediate departure should the word be forthcoming from the main office.

Little or no freight is being received at the wharves owing to the uncertainty of departure of the steamers.

Company Sustains Big Loss.
The Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company stands to lose at the rate of three to five hundred dollars a day for each steamer now in idleness. The little steamer Niihau is one vessel still working along the coast of Kauai, where she is discharging lumber. This vessel is to load Garden Island sugar before returning to Honolulu. The Niihau may arrive here

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on Sunday, and in event that the strike is not settled, her skipper and officers are expected to leave the ship and join their brethren.

The coasting steamer J. A. Cummins, now under charter by the Inter-Island company, returned from Kauai this morning after having left a large consignment of late mail. This vessel carried neither freight nor passengers. The Cummins is to be dispatched on another trip to the Garden Island by the last of this week.

Resignations Accepted.

The resignations of Captains Tullett and Piltz are declared to have been accepted by the management of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, pending the receipt of a cable from President and General Manager J. A. Kennedy. Tullett is said to have amassed a considerable fortune during his twenty years in the coasting steamship business. He is the owner of some fine ranch land in California, and the friends of the skipper declare that he need have no further concern for the future, so far as holding down a job in the steamship service is concerned.

Tullett is quoted as saying that his resignation had been accepted by the company and that as far as he was aware his was the only resignation which has so far been accepted.

Captain Tullett has been in the employ of the company for twenty-one years. He is a member of the executive committee of Harbor 54, which is handling the present trouble on behalf of the masters and mates, the other members of which are Captains Gregory, Piltz and Naopala.

INTER-ISLAND'S OFFER OF ARBITRATION SPURNED

The offer of arbitration, made by the Inter-Island company last night following a meeting of the board of directors in the afternoon, was turned down flatly by the masters and mates upon advice of Attorney A. S. Humphreys, who was retained as counsel for Honolulu Harbor yesterday afternoon. J. L. McLean of the Inter-Island took the letter to Judge Humphreys last night and Humphreys's reply was given out for publication shortly thereafter.

The letter of the Inter-Island and the answer received follow:

August 8, 1912.
"A. S. Humphreys, Esq., Lawyer, 33 King Street, City.

"Dear Sir:—Understanding from you in my conversation with you this afternoon that you represent the masters and mates who have resigned from the service of this company, I beg leave to say that at a meeting of the board of directors of the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., held this afternoon, it was agreed that insofar as all claims made by the company and the men are concerned, the company is willing to, and now proposes to, submit the same to arbitration; the arbitrators to decide this matter may be either the arbitration committee of any of the public bodies of Honolulu, or be a board of arbitrators chosen in the usual manner, viz: one by the masters and mates, and one by the company; these two to choose a third. Or if preferred by you, a board of five, chosen in like manner, two by the company, two by yourself, and the four to select a fifth. "Should this proposition be accepted by the masters and mates, the details could be arranged at once, and commerce within the Islands resumed. "This letter is addressed to you as attorney. We do not know whether you represent the masters and mates individually or the Harbor, or both, and we care not as long as our endeavor to reach an amicable adjustment of the present difficulties receives due consideration. "Awaiting your favorable and speedy reply, I am, yours truly, "JAS. L. McLEAN, "Vice-President, Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Ltd."

Arbitration Spurned.
The Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company, Ltd., Honolulu

Dear Sirs:—Your letter of even date, proposing to submit the claim of the company and the masters and mates who have resigned from its service to arbitration, has been received. I can only repeat what I said to your Mr. McLean this afternoon, that is: This matter will not be submitted to arbitration.

You might as well understand now, once and for all, that you have your fingers on a hair-trigger pistol, and that the masters and mates will not, under any circumstances, re-enter your service upon any conditions other than those expressed this afternoon to Mr. McLean by me.

To clear up any doubt, that you

may have as to whom I represent, I will say that I am counsel for, Honolulu Harbor No. 54, and the masters and mates, recently in your service, for each and every one of whom I am authorized to speak. Yours truly,
A. S. HUMPHREYS.

CARR ARRANGES FOR INTER-ISLAND MAILS

Mail from every postoffice in the Territory will arrive at Honolulu next Sunday morning, according to George W. Carr, head of the railway mail service, who has been devoting much of his time since the strike towards solving the problem of keeping the mail schedules undisturbed.

The assistant superintendent of mails held a conference with B. F. Dillingham, president of the Hilo Railway Co., this morning and completed arrangements for running special trains to distribute the mails upon the arrival of the Wilhelmmina at Hilo this morning and again to collect the mails and deliver them at the dock on Saturday afternoon in time to connect with the Matsen liner before she returns to Honolulu. On the return trip, the Wilhelmmina will stop at Kahului for the Maui mail and will arrive here with the Maui and Hawaii mails early Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, Superintendent Carr has sent a wireless message to Nawiliwili ordering that the Niihau be held there until Saturday night, when the Inter-Island steamer will leave for Honolulu with the Kauai mail.

The Cummins and the Maake have been specially chartered by the Inter-Island company for the purpose of carrying the mails during the present strike and they will run between Maui, Hawaii and Honolulu with the mails until the strike has been settled.

The Cummins will leave today with the Mahukona and Kawaihae mails on board, and the Maake will leave for Kahului, on Maui, stopping at Molokai en route.

WILL MAN TWO SHIPS TO CARRY MAILS ALONE

Judge Humphreys made the following statement to the Star-Bulletin at 11:30 this forenoon:

"I was asked this morning by a representative of the company if the Harbor would be willing to assist the company in equipping two boats so as to enable it to transport the United States mail, and to this I replied that the company might designate any two of its vessels and any of the masters and mates to man the same, and that the masters and mates so selected by the company would cheerfully perform service to enable it to facilitate the conveyance of the mails; it being understood that the masters and mates would not accept compensation for such service; it being also understood that the company would transport the mails only, carrying neither passengers nor freight."

"Officials of the company are now in conference with the executive committee of the Harbor at the Commercial Club."

Judge Humphreys, in answer to a question, stated that the communications with Washington were between the local Harbor and the National Harbor of the American Association of Masters, Mates and Pilots.

BOAT CHARTERED TO TAKE SUPPLIES TO MOLOKAI

The Molokai settlement, which depends to a large extent upon its weekly supplies from Honolulu, received a shipment of foodstuffs that was scheduled to arrive there at daylight this morning on the gasoline launch Huki Huki, the Young Bros.' largest launch, which Dr. Pratt, of the board of health, succeeded in chartering yesterday. Thus the people in the settlement will be fairly well provided for the next week, despite the tie-up of the Inter-Island vessels.

The Huki Huki carried three and one-half tons of paial and a large cargo of miscellaneous merchandise of butter, eggs and oil. The launch left here shortly before dark last evening, and after discharging its cargo was expected to start back immediately, reaching Honolulu about 1 o'clock this afternoon.

SKIPPERS LIKE McLEAN BUT QUESTION ADVISERS

"I would do anything for Jimmy McLean—there is not one of us but would go to the bottomless pit for Jimmy McLean. There is not a finer man in Honolulu, but I don't know

who is advising him in this dispute." It was one of the oldest and highest captains in the Inter-Island fleet who spoke thus of Vice President J. L. McLean this morning.

"The whole business could have been settled in two minutes," said this captain. "Why should they have to hear from Kennedy? Aren't the directors doing business all the time? Do the officers have to wait for word from Kennedy before they send a steamer out for a cargo of sugar?"

"It is a small piece of business considering all that we do for the company and the chances we take, with all the lives and property that we are always responsible for. As far as the little extra pay we ask is concerned, I do not care so much for myself, but I am going to stand with the boys and see the thing out. We are ready to take the steamers out just as soon as the company puts itself right and no sooner. The longer it delays, the more trouble will be cropping up."

HUMPHREYS' STATEMENT

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ing the compensation to be paid them.

"Speaking for myself now, and not for my clients, I may say it is my belief that, in any conflict between capital and labor, labor has a right to do anything which may enable it to accomplish its purpose, so long as it does not violate any law. Figuratively speaking, I believe that in such a fight one should use hatchets, razors and broken bottles, swatting the giant between the eyes, biting its nose and kicking it in the groin. "We are not acting impulsively, but are proceeding deliberately in the light of advice received by us from Washington, with which we are in constant cable communication."

ARMY CAPTAIN IS DEPRIVED OF HIS COMMAND

When the transport Sherman arrives in Honolulu, August 12, Captain John P. Spurr, U. S. A., quartermaster of the transport will not be on board, according to an article appearing in the San Francisco Call of August 2. The article states that Captain Spurr was relieved from duty by wire and Captain Frank D. Ely detailed to take his place.

It is further stated that the summary orders relating to Captain Spurr are owing to certain indiscretions said to have been indulged in while in Honolulu recently, and the article states that it is said that the order was prompted by an officer higher up to whose daughter while a passenger on his ship, Captain Spurr showed undue attention.

The article in the Call is as follows:

"Owing to certain indiscretions said to have been indulged in at Honolulu recently, Captain John P. Spurr, U. S. A., quartermaster of the army transport Sherman, will not sail when that vessel clears for the island ports next Friday. Summary orders were received by wire from the war department yesterday relieving him and detailing Captain Frank D. Ely to take his place."

Subject of Comment.

"The sudden substitution was the subject of considerable comment in army circles. While it is not unprecedented to make changes of this kind at the eleventh hour, it is said the order was prompted by an officer higher up to whose daughter, while a passenger on his ship, Captain Spurr showed undue attention."

"Captain Spurr, who is of the coast artillery corps, has been serving in the quartermaster's department for some time. He is a bachelor and has a host of friends. His recall is a surprise. Only those aware of certain convivial festivities at the ship's fast port of call are able to hazard an opinion."

No Further Action.

"It is not expected any further action will be taken. All the officers connected with the service here maintained a strict silence, professing the order was quite customary. Nevertheless it is significant the department should have considered it of sufficient importance to telegraph instructions rather than to resort to the mails, and Captain Ely would not have been sent again to sea except through urgent ne-

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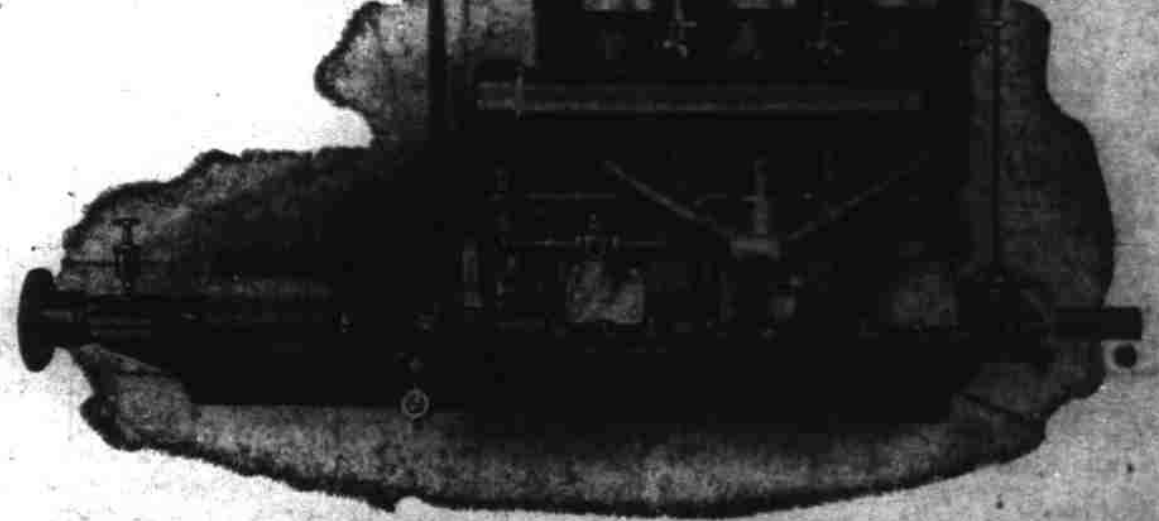
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cessity, as he took the Sheridan to China last January when the Fifteenth infantry was ordered to the relief of the situation occasioned by the revolution there, and commanded the Buford on its voyage of rescue to the west coast of Mexico."

PROMOTER PLANS TWO RAILROADS

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tric line to cover the windward coast of Oahu. The road, he said, would be known as the Honolulu Electric & Interurban Company. It is planned to start at the waterfront and run around Koko Head to the windward coast a distance of 42 miles. Their plans include, he said, a hotel on Oahu. An early morning train bringing fish to the Honolulu market would be a feature of the line, said McLaughlin. He expects to interest a number of local people in the project, he says.

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Shun Kim Sut, the Chinaman accused of murdering his infant child, will not be released immediately on bail bond. After hearing the oral argument of Attorney Lorin Andrews, counsel for the defendant, Circuit Judge Whitney yesterday decided that written affidavits must be submitted before he could release the prisoner, who is accused of murder in the first degree.

It is possible, on proper showing, that the mother, also held on a charge of murder in the first degree, may be released on bail, but for the present both have been ordered committed without bail.

Chun Kim Sut and Caun Wong Chee were arraigned this morning, their pleas being reserved until Thursday morning, August 15. John F. Bates and Howard C. Duke, the soldiers indicted by the grand jury on a charge of burglary in the first degree, also were arraigned, with pleas reserved, until next Thursday.

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